*Protection of Game.*

340. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to state when the work of protecting game was started under the control of a separate officer and the amount spent therefor till now?

MR. P. RAMAN PILLAI: The work was started under the control of a separate officer from Vrischigom 1109. The amount spent therefor till the end of Edavom 1115 is Rs. 56,935-6-14.

*Minerals prospecting operations.*

341. *MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the places where prospecting operations were carried on by Government during the years 1114 and 1115, with the names of minerals prospected for in each place;

(*b*) the period during which prospecting operations were carried on in each place;

(*c*) the quantity of each mineral obtained from each place;

(*d*) the quantity of each mineral sold and the amount realised thereby;

(*e*) the amount spent on account of the work in each place; and

(*f*) the name of the person (with designation and pay) who is in immediate charge of the work in each place?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS:

(a) Nedungolam and Wattakottai — Limestone.
Puliyarakkonam and Chengalloor — Graphite.
Kizhanguvilai and Nettayam — Mica

(b)

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| Nedungolam | ... | 6 Months. |
| Wattakottai | ... | 1 Month. |
| Puliyarakkonam | ... | 16 Months. |
| Chengalloor | ... | 6 ,, |
| Kizhanguvilai | ... | 15 ,, |
| Nettayam | ... | 7 ,, |

(c) Nedungolam 59 ft. of core limestone.
Wattakottai 13 ft. of core limestone.
Puliyarakkonam and Chengalloor 25 tons of graphite.
Kizhanguvilai Mica Books, about 16,000 lbs.
Nettayam Mica Books, about 4,000 lbs.

(d)

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| Limestone and Mica | ... | Nil. |
| Graphite | ... | 25 cwts. Rs. 500. |

(e)

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| Nedungolam and Wattakottai | ... | Rs. 1642-10-12 |
| Puliyarakkonam and Chengalloor | ... | Rs. 9,447-17-12 |
| Kizhanguvilai | ... | Rs. 1,462-17-11 |
| Nettayam | ... | Rs. 2,307-11-9 |

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